

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: (New Application)	Confirmation No.
Application of: Jansens, et al.	Group Art Unit:
Filing Date: March 19, 2004	Examiner:
Title: Hydraulic Annular Washing Column, and Process for Separating Solids from a Suspension	Docket No. V030 1010.1 Customer No. 26158

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form 1449 and a copy of the International Search Report and claims of PCT/NL02/00598 accompany this statement.

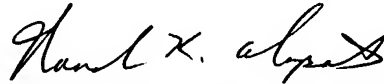
The documents listed in PTO Form 1449 were cited in the International Search Report issued December 30, 2003 during the prosecution of International Application No. PCT/NL02/00598, which corresponds to the above referenced application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return copies of the enclosed PTO-1449 and to indicate in the official file wrapper of the above-identified patent application that each item of the cited information has been considered.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should a fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Womble Carlyle's **Deposit Account No. 09-0528** referencing attorney docket **V030 1010.1**.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: March 19, 2004



Nanda K. Alapati (Reg. No. 39,893)
Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice
P.O. Box 7037
Atlanta, GA 30357-0037
Office: 703-394-2216
Fax: 703-790-2623

Form PTO-1449 INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary)	New Atty Dkt: V030 1010.1	Serial No. (New Application)
	Applicant Jansens, et al.	
	Filing Date March 19, 2004	Group

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Item	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	1	3,319,437	5/16/67	Goins			
	2	2,862,797	12/2/58	McKay			
	3	4,734,102	3/29/88	Thijssen			
	4						
	5						
	6						
	7						
	8						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation Yes	No
	1							
	2							
	3							

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

	1	PCT/NL02/00598 International Search Report w/Examined claims attached
	2	

* EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.

EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE:	DATE CONSIDERED:
-----------------------	------------------

Patent and Trademark Office; U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE